

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow. Claims 4, 15, 16, and 22-24 were canceled previously. Claims 17-21 are currently requested to be canceled. Claims 1-3 and 5-14 are now pending in this application.

I. Rejection of Claims 17-19 and 21 Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

In Section 4 of the Office Action, Claims 17-19 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,218,891 to Periyalwar et al. (Periyalwar). Applicants have canceled Claims 17-19 and 21 rendering these rejections moot.

II. Rejection of Claims 20 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

In Section 6 of the Office Action, Claim 20 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Periyalwar in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0165127 to Fujiwara et al.. Applicants have canceled Claim 20 rendering this rejection moot.

III. Allowance of Claims 1-3 and 5-14 Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

In Section 7 of the Office Action, Claims 1-3 and 5-14 were found to be allowable. Applicants thank the Examiner for noting the allowable subject matter.

Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

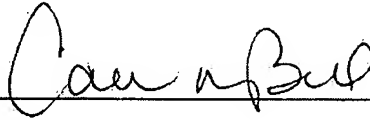
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to

charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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